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1. ON DECEMBER 3 DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BLAKE (IO) SPOKE WITH BRITISH EMBASSY COUNSELOR SAMUEL AND FRENCH EMBASSY MINISTER DE LA GORCE SEPARATELY CONCERNING UP-COMING SC CONSIDERATION OF NAMIBIA, INDICATING THAT US BE-LIEVES IT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL FOR US, UK AND FRANCE TO CON-TINUE COORDINATE CLOSELY ON SC TREATMENT OF NAMIBIA AS WELL AS ON BROADER POLICY QUESTIONS OF HOW TO INDUCE SOUTH AFRICA TO MAKE GOOD ITS PROMISE OF SELF-DETERMINATION FOR NAMIBIA.

2. BLAKE NOTED THAT WESTERN MEMBERS OF SC PROBABLY WOULD HAVE LITTLE CONTROL OVER RESOLUTIONS IN SC. RESOLUTION PRO-POSED BY SWAPO AND SEAN MACBRIDE (USUN 5550) IS NOT TOTAL-LY OBJECTIONABLE BUT IT DOES PROPOSE UNREASONABLY SHORT
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TIME LIMITS FOR SOUTH AFRICA'S PERFORMANCE AND HINTS OF CHAPTER VII ACTION IN CASE OF FAILURE TO MEET DEADLINES. WE WOULD PROBABLY ABSTAIN ON SUCH RESOLUTION AND VOTE AGAINST ANY DIRECT CALL FOR CHAPTER VII ACTION. DEPARTMENT PLANS TO CALL IN SOUTH AFRICAN AMBASSADOR TO REITERATE POINTS IN STATE 253550, TO SUGGEST SOUTH AFRICA PARTICIPATE IN SC DEBATE ON NAMIBIA, AND TO URGE SOUTH AFRICA TO STATE IN SPECIFIC TERMS DURING DEBATE ITS PLANS FOR NAMIBIA.

3. BLAKE SAID IT APPEARS ALL THREE GOVERNMENTS ALREADY AGREE ON MAJOR PRINCIPLES: THAT AN ORDERLY MOVE TOWARD SELF-DETERMINATION IN NAMIBIA AS QUICKLY AS ORDERLY TRANSITION IS POSSIBLE IS DESIRABLE; USE OUR INFLUENCE ON SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT TO INDICATE NOW THAT IT INTENDS TO MOVE TOWARD SELF-DETERMINATION ; SOUTH AFRICA SHOULD BE URGED TO GIVE MORE SPECIFIC EXPLANATION ITS PLANS AND OF TIMETABLE; THAT THE UN SHOULD PLAY SOME, AS YET INDEFINITE, ROLE IN THE TRANSFER OF POWER IN NAMIBIA; AND THAT SOUTH AFRICA SHOULD RENEW ITS TALKS WITH SYG ON NAMIBIA. BLAKE EXPRESSED VIEW THAT IT PROBABLY NOT IN OUR INTEREST TO ENDORSE TOO SPECIFIC A TIMETABLE. WE CANNOT AGREE TO CHAPTER VII ACTION, AND WOULD NOT APPROVE TIMETABLE WHICH COULD LEAD TO SC CONSIDERATION OF SANCTIONS. SAMUEL AND DE LA GORCE INDICATED THESE THOUGHTS CONSISTENT WITH THEIR GOVERNMENTS' POLICIES TOWARD NAMIBIA, ALTHOUGH DE LA GORCE SAID FRANCE DID NOT ACCEPT LEGITIMACY OF UN CLAIMS TO AUTHORITY OVER NAMIBIA.

4. BLAKE NOTED THAT SINCE SAG HAD BEGUN TO INDICATE WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER CHANGE IN NAMIBIA, US BEGINNING TO FLESH OUT ITS POLICY ON NAMIBIA AND WOULD WELCOME THOUGHTS OF BRITISH AND FRENCH GOVERNMENTS ON ALL ASPECTS, BUT IN PARTICULAR WHAT STEPS US, UK, FRANCE CAN TAKE TO INFLUENCE SOUTH AFRICA TO ALLOW EARLY SELF-DETERMINATION IN NAMIBIA; WHAT SORT OF TIME PERIOD FOR SELF-DETERMINATION WOULD BE REASONABLE AND PRACTICAL; NECESSITY OF UNIFIED NAMIBIA; AND NATURE OF UN INVOLVEMENT IN TRANSITION. HE SUGGESTED REPRESENTATIVES OF US, UK, FRANCE HAVE EARLY MEETING PERHAPS JOINTLY TO DISCUSS NAMIBIA PROBLEM IN GENERAL. KISSINGER
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